

# Voice OF THE RESIDENTS

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## BREAKING NEWS:

### *Changes coming to Broadmead's leadership*

On January 24, Broadmead CEO Robin Somers announced that she plans to retire nine months from now. The Broadmead Board of Trustees announced support for Robin's decision and has begun its usual due diligence process to assure a smooth leadership transition.

The first step in this process has been made, with the promotion of Yolanda Johnson, V.P. of Human Resources, to the new position of Chief Operating Officer (COO).

The *Voice* will report this story more fully in a coming issue.

### *Paper bags to cost 25 cents*

Starting on Thurs., February 1, residents will be charged 25 cents for each paper bag from the Arbor Cafe, Bistro and Corner Cupboard. This charge will help defray expenses; the actual cost of each bag is more than 20 cents. With the 25-cent charge, it is expected that more residents will be motivated to carry home food in their own bags or baskets.

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## Sustainability Plan prompts solar initiatives on campus

*By Pat van den Beemt*

Broadmead's Sustainability vice president has her work cut out for her. Gina Mathias now has a 41-page plan, prepared by Steven Winter Associates, Inc., that outlines ways our community can become more environmentally sustainable. Her job is to figure out the cost versus the benefit of those proposals and then move forward on them.

The plan suggests ways to decrease Broadmead's carbon footprint in both energy and water usage, as well as waste materials. It also discusses the importance of biodiversity and climate resiliency, including implementing such measures as removing invasive species and planting native, pollinator-friendly species.

One area already being investigated is solar energy. Last month Capital Solar Group sent a drone over the campus, looking at surfaces that could possibly receive solar panels. The roof of the Community Center and the roofs of the two miles of covered walkways are likely candidates. A proposal is due by the end of June.

"We have to see what makes financial sense," said Gina. "We don't want something that has a 30-year payback." Broadmead currently pays a fairly low rate for electricity. Gina will also look into something as simple as installing more energy-efficient light bulbs.

Meanwhile, Gina is applying for a grant from the state to put solar panels over the team member parking lot.

For now, solar panels on freestanding poles or on the roofs of garden homes and the Upland and York buildings are not being considered for solar production. Factors in that decision include how the roofs are positioned, installation costs and aesthetics.

Projects are in the works in three neighborhoods. An existing green roof on the Center, where existing plants did not thrive, will be replanted this spring, affording residents of Taylor and Hallowell a verdant view. A patio used by Darlington residents will get additional furniture that provides shade.

Water use will be studied to see if there is a way to decrease the number of gallons used. Low-flow faucets are one possible fix.

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## MaCCRA reps to go to Annapolis

By Walter Burnett

Now that the General Assembly of Maryland is in session, MaCCRA is planning an “Annapolis Day” that will allow participating CCRC residents to visit their Delegates and Senators. The program is set for March 19 at the Governor Calvert House from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. MaCCRA’s primary focus will be a pre-filed bill that addresses three issues that are specific to CCRCs.

The first of these would require two residents representing a CCRC’s residents’ association to participate in the affairs of the governing board of the CCRC. The current regulations call for one representative. Broadmead has two such representatives—Anne Perkins and Denise Love.

The second issue deals with grievance procedures. Current regulations require that such a procedure be functional at each CCRC. The change would require periodic data reporting to the Maryland Department of Aging on the number and nature of grievances and their resolutions.

The third issue relates to the timeliness of refunds to CCRC residents. The change would require that refunds be given in the order of the time residents leave rather than other marketing-related criteria.

It is not clear at this time what amendments will be offered to the bill by groups representing the owners of many of the Maryland CCRCs. The MaCCRA Legislative Working Group and MaCCRA’s lobbyists will be working to make sure that the intent of the legislation is maintained. The hope is that the proposed legislation will be passed in this session. In addition, the lobbyists and the work group will be monitoring other proposed legislation dealing with aging and senior housing.

*Walter Burnett is vice-president of the Broadmead Chapter of MaCCRA.*

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## Sustainability Plan calls for solar initiatives

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The waste generated here is being looked at as well. Gina plans to add another composting bin to the two that are located by the garden plots, and new locations are being considered.

The black-bottomed sectioned take-out food containers at the Arbor Café continue to be a problem because so many are not returned to be cleaned and re-used. Dan Hall said he buys 450 to 600 of them each week for \$.33 each. These containers can be washed 5-8 times before being discarded. Gina is considering putting a “Return Me!” label on them, or even buying brightly-colored containers that should attract more attention.

The 41-page Community Sustainability Plan will be made available online at CareMerge in the coming weeks.

## Team Member of the Month for November



*Tim Wolf.*

Tim Wolf joined the Broadmead Facilities Team in February of 2022 and is the Grounds Team Lead. He received multiple nominations for this award from residents and colleagues. Comments included: “Tim is well-organized, dedicated to residents...great at problem-solving...a credit to Broadmead.” “Not only is Tim hard-working and does jobs without being asked, but he is respectful, very flexible and always brings great ideas to the table.” “Tim Wolf is an unsung hero in my book...his effort, action and attitude were exemplary—a model for all to follow.”

*—Jackie Mintz*

## Community Plan to consider campus use over next decade

Work on Broadmead’s new Community Plan is just getting started. Gina Mathias, V.P. of Sustainability, explained that the plan, which will look ahead 10 to 15 years, “will give us the big picture—a bird’s eye view—of how Broadmead is functioning.”

It will consider the roads, paths and trails already here and make recommendations on improving mobility on campus. It will also consider options for the 10-acre Provenza property that Broadmead owns, located on the far side of the hill to the north of the campus.

Gina, several team members and a few residents will go on a site walk in February. She expects a draft plan for to be completed by June.

*—Pat van den Beemt*

## Schedule revision for Quaker Values series

The schedule has been revised for the ongoing discussion series called “Upholding Quaker Values at Broadmead.” Each will explore one of the foundational attributes of the Religious Society of Friends, relating how these apply to the Broadmead community, which was founded by Quakers in 1979. All discussions will be held on Mondays at 4 p.m. in the Auditorium. Each will last one hour.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>February 5</b> | <b>Community</b>   |
| <b>April 1</b>    | <b>Integrity</b>   |
| <b>June 10</b>    | <b>Simplicity</b>  |
| <b>August 12</b>  | <b>Stewardship</b> |
| <b>October 7</b>  | <b>Peace</b>       |
| <b>December 2</b> | <b>Equality</b>    |

Jen Hobbins of Stony Run Friends Meeting will present.

## Great Decisions Series Starts

The six-part Great Decisions program launches on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. in the Auditorium and continues most Thursdays through March 21. Contact Michael Yaggy (michael.yaggy102@gmail.com) for details. See more details on page 6.

## Holly House rehab plans are under way

*By Pat van den Beemt*

**I**t is only fitting that proceeds from the sale of four historic houses on York Road that Broadmead sold in November will go toward restoring a centuries-old house right here on campus.

The York Road houses were sold for \$400,000 to Overbrook Farms LLC, Rick Byrd, registered agent. The new owner has already started repairs on the houses, which include the York Road Toll House. Broadmead bought those properties over an 11-year period starting in 2000 for a total of \$789,500. The houses, once used for storage and even employees’ temporary residences, had been vacant and falling into disrepair for several years.



*Fire hydrant in nature’s garb (left, photo by Bill Breakey), and (below) an exhibit of fire hydrants as art on display on Wellness Hall, with cleverly incorporated real hydrant.*



*Exhibit photo by Willy Sydnor.*



## Snowfall in Cluster B

January 2024 brought significant snowfall to Baltimore County for the first time in over two years. Two separate snowfalls occurred mid-month, totalling about nine inches. Working in temperatures that fell below 20 degrees, crews quickly cleared roads and sidewalks. This dreamy photo by Bunny Dadds shows a snowy evening scene in Cluster B on January 15.



# Advance notice is key to using Broadmead's transportation system

By Alice Cherbonnier

**W**hile most Broadmead residents still drive, or have neighbors or nearby family members who can provide rides, a fair number of residents rely on Broadmead's transportation office to get to appointments, errands and shopping. A big advantage of using Broadmead's transportation services is the assurance that the drivers are professionally trained and the vehicles are properly maintained to ensure safety.

Lisa Berres, Broadmead's Transportation Supervisor, is the hub of a complex set of services aimed at getting Broadmead residents on the road when they need to be, and then back home. From her office on the East Hall, she presides over two large computer screens for scheduling Broadmead's own vehicles as well as those of outside transportation providers. Several chirping walkie-talkies keep Lisa in touch with drivers as she monitors what is happening on the road.

Depending on what kind of travel is needed, and what type of residential contract one has, fees for off-campus transportation may apply. These fees are calculated based on mileage and the driver's wage. Residents are informed in advance of the expense, if applicable.

For efficiency and economy, trips arranged by Broadmead are shuttle transportation, not personalized travel services. This means that several residents may share a shuttle if they are traveling in the same basic direction. It could also mean that a resident would need to leave earlier for an appointment so that all on the shuttle can get to their destinations. There might also be a bit of a wait for return pickups. Lisa will communicate pickup and retrieval times when she schedules residents' appointments. When arranging this travel through the Transportation office, 14 days' advance notice is needed. This allows Transportation to make the most suitable ride arrangements, with ride-pooling where possible.

Lisa points out that the two-week advance notice requirement is comparable to the typical timeframe for non-emergency medical appointments. "Reserve your transportation with us as soon as you make the appointment," advises Lisa. If an emergency medical appointment arises, however, the Transportation team will do their best to get someone on the schedule with short notice, or provide other options for transportation by using one of Broadmead's outside vendor resources.

Transportation Request Forms may be obtained from a Community Services Associate at the Front Desk. Once completed, forms may be handed to the front desk Associate or delivered to the Transportation Office. Lisa will confirm receipt of the resident's request, schedule the transportation, and inform the resident about fees, if applicable. Call Lisa at the Transportation Office (443-578-8023) with any questions. Phone messages will be returned.

**Free van rides** for nearby shopping and errands are offered by Broadmead on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These excursions depart at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. from under the canopy outside the lower level of Broadmead Center. The route is pre-determined based on residents' preferences when they reserve a space on the van. Destinations may include shopping venues, banks, the post office and other locations. After about an hour of shopping, the van returns to campus. The drivers will be attentive to the shoppers' mobility needs; wheelchairs can be accommodated. Reservations at least 24 hours ahead of time are required by calling Lisa in the Transportation Office (443-578-8023). Leave a message on the voicemail requesting to go on a particular shopping run and Lisa will register you.

Broadmead residents can also ride the **team member van to and from the light rail stop at Hunt Valley**, less than a mile away from campus. These vans pick up and drop off passengers at the Stony Run parking lot. Ask Lisa for a light rail shuttle schedule, plan your outing, and let her know at least 24 hours in advance that you will be using this service.

Another free transportation service available to residents is the **on-campus shuttle**, which circulates around Copper Beech Lane and the Fire Lane from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Those who need on-campus shuttle services outside of these hours should contact the Transportation Office for assistance.

**SUMMARY:** *For best results in arranging transportation through Broadmead, contact Lisa Berres in the Transportation Office at 443-578-8023 as soon as you know you need transportation services.*

# How to arrange catered events at Broadmead

By Willy Sydnor

**W**ow! According to Joe Tubman, Arbor/Bistro Manager, this past December, Broadmead's Dining Services department handled over 45 separate catered events with food for 756 people—and this was in addition to Broadmead's regular food service.

All of the catering is being provided by the food services staff—there are no separate team members in catering except for Tarsha Campbell, the catering supervisor. All the setups, service, additional staffing requests, and food preparation are done by existing staff who have regular work assignments in addition to catering. This means patience is the order of the day when making plans with Tarsha for a catered event on the Broadmead campus.

Catering can handle birthdays, anniversaries, memorial services, celebrations, and whatever else one needs. These get-togethers can be scheduled just about anywhere on campus. Most importantly, though, the person holding an event must arrange for the location, either in person, in consultation with Natalie Shane in the Wellness Center, or online on Broadmead Connect (formerly known as Caremerge). Either way, Natalie must confirm space reservations, such as the Fireside Room, Magnolia Room, or Auditorium. She will then let Tarsha know the event is on the books. A resident can consult with Tarsha in advance, but arrangements cannot go forward until the resident's space reservation is confirmed by the Wellness Center.

Natalie's involvement is not necessary if the event is to take place in the resident's own apartment or off-campus.

Everything done by catering is *à la carte*: silverware, napkins, food, beverages, decorations, servers.

When planning an event, the more information provided to Tarsha in advance, the smoother the process will be. How many people do you expect? How fancy do you want it? Do you want a sit-down dinner or just appetizers? Are you and your guests going to provide food and/or drink and therefore just need glasses and/or plates? Some people want to provide their own wines and liquors to cut down on the expense, and that's fine. What about seating and tables? And do you need Broadmead to provide table decorations?

Once you have the room booked and know your logistical needs for the event, Tarsha can assist you with the menu choices, from finger food to lobster. Expenses can be paid for by check or can be charged to a resident's monthly bill. No credit cards can be used and no catered events can be paid for out of a resident's quarterly food allowance.

Timeframes for orders vary depending on event size; at a minimum, requests must be submitted at least 72 hours beforehand. Tarsha will prepare a confirmation of the menu and services requested, along with itemized charges, and email this information to the organizer.

Since some events are requested by family members from out of the area, Broadmead can recommend florists and other local specialty providers if needed.

When asked what the largest event has been in recent times, Tarsha said probably the anniversary party for Sally and Court Robinson, which had well over 100 people in the Auditorium.

**SUMMARY:** *As soon as possible, whether you're having a large catered event like the Robinsons', or something smaller, reserve the room with Natalie in the Wellness Center (443-578-8060, [nshane@broadmead.org](mailto:nshane@broadmead.org)) and contact Tarsha, the catering supervisor (443-578-8235 or [tcampbell@broadmead.com](mailto:tcampbell@broadmead.com)).*

## ARRANGING CUSTOM EXCURSIONS

In addition to getting individual residents to appointments, the Transportation office can assist with arranging *à la carte* recreational outings for individuals and groups. There's a 14-day minimum advance notice requirement. Lisa will help organize the trip, determining optimal vehicle accommodations based on group size. Contact Lisa Berres in the Transportation Office at 443-578-8023 to discuss options.

## AFTER-HOURS TRANSPORTATION HELP

If residents are taken off campus for a late doctor's appointment or an emergency visit to the hospital and need assistance with a return trip back home to Broadmead, they should call the front desk at (410) 527-1900. The front desk Community Services Associate or a Campus Safety member can assist with getting residents back to the community after normal business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# Great Decisions 2024

Thursdays starting February 1st  
(8 week series)  
3:00pm  
Auditorium & ZOOM

The dates and subjects of these challenging programs are shown below:

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| February 1  | Mideast Realignment              |
| February 8  | Climate Technology & Competition |
| February 15 | Science Across the Borders       |
| February 22 | U.S. - China Trade Rivalry       |
| February 29 | NATO's Future                    |
| March 7     | Understanding Indonesia          |
| March 14    | High Seas Treaty                 |
| March 21    | Pandemic Preparedness            |

Join via ZOOM:

<https://bit.ly/4aPxutw>

Meeting ID: **825 4893 3347** Passcode: **237403**

Dial by your location: + 1-301-715-8592

As in the past, each presentation will begin with introductory comments by Barry Rascovar, followed by a topic-related video, and then an open floor for comments, questions, observations, and opinions moderated by Barry. All are invited and encouraged to actively participate in the post-video discussion.

Questions? Contact Michael Yaggy at michael.yaggy10@gmail.com or 443-578-x8414.

## Programs mark Black History Month

*By Gwen Marable*

The Multicultural Committee has scheduled three programs to celebrate Black History Month:

**Tuesday, February 6:** Willa Banks, an historian, will present a talk called “Color as a Status Marker,” during which she will discuss “colorism.” There will be time for Q&A. The event will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

**Wednesday, February 21:** From 3-4 p.m., there will be a talk about Black history in Baltimore County. In addition, members of Dance&B'more, an ensemble group, will perform and engage the audience in movement.

**Tuesday, February 27:** The film “Descendant” will be shown from 3-4:40 p.m. in the Auditorium. The film follows the oral history of the last survivors of the Clotilda, the ship that brought the last enslaved Africans to America in 1860. A number of their descendants live in Africatown, north of Mobile, Alabama.

### RECYCLING TIP

#### Compost those clamshells

**CLEAR CLAMSHELL CONTAINERS** from the Arbor Café are compostable. Just rinse them and add them to your compost container. Do not put these clear containers in “regular trash” or into your recycling container because then they will not decompose as they're intended to do.

### TECH TIP

**FEBRUARY 2024:** Have you found a great website—a keeper? Email the link to yourself with a brief description of the link in the subject area of your email. You could bookmark it, but it might be a slog to find it amid a zillion bookmarks. Instead, for quick retrieval, go to your recent emails, search for the message you sent yourself, find it and click it. You're there. No slog.

—Don Killgallon



*The Multicultural Committee has set up a Black History Month display in the South Hall outside the Auditorium.*



## Knock your socks off father-daughter art show!

By Carolyn Murphy

The photography of resident Ray (Pete) Lund and watercolors by his daughter, Stacy Lund Levy, are now on display in the East Hall. The show features 30 of Ray's photos from around the world. He not only photographed them, but printed them with great precision on his own hi-tech printer. You'll view beautiful landscapes, adorable children, and wonderful images of nature.

Stacy's outstanding watercolors show why she's gained national recognition as an artist.

The show will be on display until the end of February. Watch for news of a reception for the artists during the latter part of the month.



Left: Broadmead resident Ray (Pete) Lund photographed these goats during a visit to a B&B in Maine. Photos of images by Alice Cherbonnier.



(Top Right) Stacy Lund Levy's watercolor of a bird of prey is a striking image. (Above) Ray (Pete) Lund's different view of Mount Rushmore. (Right) Pete captured this image of a Native American during a visit to Mount Rushmore.



NOTE: Images in the show are framed under reflective material.

## Two ways to enjoy poetry at Broadmead

By Willy Sydnor

Two Broadmead groups are centered around poetry, and both of them have been around for some time.

According to Nancy-Bets Hay, "**How to Read a Poem**" was started on Nov. 19, 2015 by the late Isaac Rehert when he moved to Broadmead. Isaac had taught a similar course at the Renaissance Institute, based at Notre Dame of Maryland University.

This new class met every week in person for one hour. Isaac would select the poems, which he assigned to a class member. The class at that time focused on rhythm and structure. Nancy-Bets said one of her many take-aways from the earlier class was being introduced to the term "enjambment." Check it out.\*

When Isaac's health began to decline two years ago, Dave Harley took over the reins. Since then, different books of poetry have been used as source material, the current one being *100 Best-Loved Poems*, edited by Philip Smith. The class, which usually has about nine members per session, meets virtually on Zoom every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and can be joined by contacting Dave. Participants are notified each week of the poems to be read and discussed, along with the Zoom connection information.

The second group is called "**Poems I Like**," and is currently facilitated by Andy Switzer, director of the Wellness Center. This class was begun with the purpose of enhancing the spiritual and social facets of the lives of Broadmead residents. Andy approached Isaac Rehert for suggestions on what to call this group, which is how it got its name.

The class members choose a poem each month and send a copy of it to Natalie Shane, the Wellness Center's administrative assistant. She copies the poetry submissions and assembles a packet to be given to each participant when the class meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. For more information, contact Natalie or Andy in the Wellness Center, 443-578-8060.

\* For those who can't wait to look up the word, it means "The continuation of a syntactic unit from one line or couplet of a poem to the next with no pause." (American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition)

## Arts Council considers acquiring outdoor sculpture

By Jackie Mintz

Having seen its painting exhibits and art acquisition program stabilize, the Arts Council is turning to another aspect of art: considering installing outdoor sculptural works on the Broadmead campus.

The Council has appointed an advisory committee for this purpose, chaired by Anne Perkins and Ross Jones. Committee members are Jeanette Anders, Doug Fambrough, Carole Glowacki, Harriet Goldman, Herb Goldman, Brigid Goody, Bill Hardy, Jane Harrison, Carel Hedlund, Marsha Howes, Betty Legenhausen, Bruce Manger, Gwen Marable, Jackie Mintz, Eleanor Landauer (Broadmead's Vice President of Advancement & Communication) and Bobby Donovan (the Council's Artistic Advisor).

The Advisory Committee held its first meeting in December, during which members expressed much interest in the project.

Recognizing the visual impact of outdoor public sculptures on the appearance of the campus, the Advisory Committee will consider the multiple aspects of such a project, such as:

**CONSIDERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION:** The committee will assess the community's interest in and response to the installation of one or more sculptures. It will explore ways to educate itself and the community about sculpture, by means of lectures, exhibitions, focus groups, and articles in the *Voice*.

**SELECTING SITES:** The committee will review possible sites and consider the scale and style of the sculpture(s). Although the initial plan for adding outdoor sculpture envisioned a single large work, the committee will also consider installing several smaller, low-cost pieces in and around the campus.

**SETTING THE BUDGET:** The committee will develop a budget and identify funding sources.

**IDENTIFYING SCULPTORS:** The committee will prepare a Request for Proposal document (RFP) to be sent to potential sculptors and will review responses. In view of the success of earlier exhibits at Broadmead by graduate students in Sculpture at Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), discussions will include that department.

**SELECTING SCULPTORS:** The committee will recommend the selection of a sculptor and sculpture(s) to the BAC Acquisitions Committee.



*Soon to be back in service: Broadmead's historic Holly House. See pg. 10 for a *Voice* story about Holly House from the Archives.*

## Name spelling correction leads to Broadmead history lesson

In the December issue of the *Voice*, the last name of a previous owner of Holly House was misspelled. It wasn't Harry Dunmore, as reported; it was Harry Dundore.

Resident Alma Smith caught the error, and recalled, "Mr. Dundore originally bought property from my family for his original business of Diecraft....at which time he lived in Holly House."

A bit of sleuthing uncovered Harry Dundore's obituary in the *Baltimore Sun*, reporting that he died of pneumonia at the age of 88 on January 5, 1998 in Boca Raton, FL.

In 1932, he established Diecraft, Inc., a precision machining business in Sparks, MD, at 14600 York Road, not far from Broadmead. The company became "an important supplier to the defense and aerospace industries," according to the obituary. The company was acquired by Bausch & Lomb in 1966.

As a volunteer, Harry Dundore helped develop Baltimore County's first master plan and comprehensive zoning map.

His wife, Marion Green Dundore, died at age 89 in 2002. They were survived by one son and two grandsons.

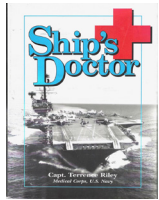


## BOOK REVIEWS

### **Ship's Doctor**

By Capt. Terrence Riley  
Medical Corps, U.S. Navy  
Naval Institute Press, 1995;  
294 pages

When war threatens in the world, or there is other massive disturbance such as a major earthquake, one action often taken by U.S. presidents is to send in an aircraft carrier.



The United States currently has a fleet of 11 massive nuclear carriers that can not only wage war but also provide humanitarian assistance. The largest humanitarian effort was the response to the Japanese earthquakes in 2011, when the carrier *USS Ronald Reagan* and a fleet of other Navy ships provided aid.

Captain Riley tells his story as chief medical officer on the first of the United States super carriers, the *USS Forrestal*. From 1988 to 1990, he supervised the medical staff caring for the approximately 5,000 sailors on board. His work ranged from daily sick calls to immunizations and illness prevention, dealing with major trauma, and the psychological stresses encountered with long periods of family separation.

The daily activities, such as mail call, supplies delivery, meal preparation, maintenance and repair, are all intermixed with the stressful days of aircraft launch and

recovery. The reader does not lose interest, as even the most repetitive and mundane tasks are subject to immediate interruption.

While the book was of interest to me because of my time aboard the *Forrestal* in 1973, those who know nothing about life on an aircraft carrier will be fascinated. A copy of the book has been donated to the Broadmead library.

—Bill Hakkarinen

### **The Big Door Prize**

By M.O. Walsh  
Putnam; 2020, 384 pages

What seemed at first to be a series of vignettes about different characters coalesced into a plot with



a satisfactory, if predictable, ending. The story takes place in a small town in Louisiana, where a curtained booth appears in the local grocery.

For \$2 and a buccal swab for DNA, a blue ticket pops out with your life's potential written on it. The town is mesmerized, and people rush to find their answers. Along with this story line is a darker one, involving teenagers with more than the usual problems. In the words of Kirkus Reviews, "Both aspects are well handled, but do they really go together? When you get a bereaved dad dressed up in a ludicrous cowboy outfit intervening to rescue his son from being gunned down by the police you have to wonder." Nonetheless, I enjoyed the book and recommend it.

—Kathleen Truelove

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### **Health Care Lecture**

Monday, February 19  
3:30-4:30pm

Auditorium and Zoom

"Palliative Care, Hospice Care:  
What does it all mean?"

Speaker: Shawn Brast, MSN, RN at Gilchrist

### **Broadmead Writers**

Every Friday 3:00 p.m.

Seminar Room and ZOOM

Contact Maggie Babb

maggie.babb@gmail.com

### **First Monday Book Group**

Monday, Feb. 5:

*Benjamin Banneker and Us*  
by Rachel Webster

Monday, March 4:

*Prom Mom*  
by Laura Lippman  
Fireplace Room, 10:30am

### **Mystery Book Group**

Monday, Feb 19:

*Blaze me a Sun*  
by Christoffer Carlsson  
1 p.m., Upland Community Room

### **East Hall Displays**

Jan. 16- Feb 28:

Ray Lund's photography and  
Stacy Lund Levy's watercolors

March 1-31:

Complementary Colors  
(6 artists, mostly watercolors)

April 1-30:

Jackie Mintz's photography

## Greater Barn Sale

### BARGAIN BASEMENT MINI BARN SALE

Tuesday, February 6

10 am - 3 pm,

Lower Level Hall and Workroom

Featuring: Furniture, Appliances, Kitchen, Glassware, This & That, Clothing and Shoes.

*Residents, Team Members & their family & friends welcome.*

### BARN SALE SEEKS YOUR DONATIONS

We would love to receive your donations that are clean and in good condition and working order. Drop off donations any Thursday in the

Barn Sale Workroom,

10am-12noon and 2-4pm.

### OUR TRADITIONAL SPRING BARN SALE

**WILL BE HELD APRIL 19-20, 2024**

We are seeking volunteers to assist with this sale.

If interested,  
please contact Judy Lorenz,  
judylorenz78@gmail.com or x8460.

### DO YOU NEED FURNITURE?

Visit the back hallway to browse our huge inventory of furniture looking for a good home—chairs, tables, bookcases, filing cabinets and more. Everything offered at a great price.

Contact Tom Boytim,  
zeldapooh@icloud.com, 609-405-8314.

### OLD AND NEW SHOP

Winter hours during

January and February

Open 11am - 3pm

on Tuesdays and Thursdays

## In Memoriam

Charles Miller

November 23, 1931 - December 15, 2023

Doris Moos

December 26, 1937 - December 27, 2023

Robert Fetter

October 20, 1931 - January 22, 2023

## From the archives, February 1981

### HOLLY HOUSE, THE PARTY PLACE AT BROADMEAD, IS 'AT YOUR SERVICE', SEVERAL HAVE FOUND

Holly House has proved itself as the elegant, versatile, and gracious place to have overnight guests and to entertain at such diverse events as cluster functions, a wedding reception, 50th anniversary wedding receptions, family dinner parties, holiday receptions and parties, and even business meetings, some of which have included lunch or dinner.

There is a great deal of flexibility and very welcome helpfulness and the part of the Food Service and Housekeeping staffs so that anyone can have a party, large or small, at Holly House with expenses ranging from nominal to whatever one wishes to spend. For example, one cluster had an indoor "picnic" (the weather

was unfriendly for an outdoor affair) and Residents furnished the food and refreshments. The Food Service provided, at cost, paper products, disposable glassware and clean-up assistance—and everything cost less than the price of a movie per person.

The first overnight guest of a Resident was on Jan. 19, 1980, and the first party was held on Feb. 2, 1980.

Liquid refreshments of the Residents' choice may be served at Holly House and the host [may]

double as bartender, thus obviating the need for a staff member. If Food Service assistance is desired, snacks, party foods - hot or cold - and all sorts of edibles will be prepared by them at cost, per person. It is, in fact, quite possible for two or more Residents to host a party, if they wish to, and Gil Van Houten, director of the Food Service, is prepared to help plan the details and keep costs down to a minimum. He and the staff overlook nothing!

Nancy Grant has provided the following additional data: In 1980, there were 39? overnight guests, 78 parties. May had the largest number of overnight guests (55) and the largest numbers of social functions were in October and December (16 each month). The first overnight guest of a Resident was on Jan. 19, 1980, and the first party was held on Feb. 2, 1980. Beginning January 1, 1981, the occupancy rates are \$22.00 for single occupancy, \$2k.(sic) for double occupancy, and \$2.00 additional for a cot. So, Holly House is at your service.

—Mildred Beck

*NOTE: Stories from the Voice archives are published verbatim, with original spellings and punctuation left intact.*

## PET PROFILE

### Jack in need had a friend indeed

*Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove*

Jack is mostly boxer, according to his DNA profile, but his early life is a mystery. He was adopted as a young dog, though beyond puppyhood, from a PetSmart adoption event in the Virginia suburbs of DC. Jack chose Peter Truitt, who is said by wife Susie to be a genuine “dog whisperer.” It was an inspired choice for both. They moved to Broadmead in 2017, when Jack was 5 or 6 and Peter somewhat older.



*Jack in repose.*

Seventy-two-pound Jack adjusted well from his former large premises to his current home. He and Susie walk the mile around the perimeter road each morning, as well as a walk in the afternoon. Occasionally, Jack visits the upper trails or the dog park, which he enjoys, but as a more mature canine, he also likes his time re-

laxing at home. With Peter currently on Hallowell recovering from a broken ankle, Jack visits him regularly, to the enjoyment of both. Jack savors a good steak bone occasionally. He is said to be a gentle, fun-loving, curious dog who travels on his nose—maybe there’s some bloodhound along with the boxer in his heritage.

### Interactive weather information resources

*When weather threatens to get troublesome, be sure to charge up your phones, laptops and tablets. Then you can access information about power outages in Maryland at this link:*

<https://mdem.maryland.gov/Pages/Power-Outages-Data.aspx>

*....or monitor weather watches and warnings at this link:*

<https://alerts.weather.gov/cap/md.php?x=2>

*....or monitor the weather by radar at this link:*

<https://radar.weather.gov/>

*If at all possible, stay off the roads during times of severe weather. If you must drive, the following links may be helpful in planning for safe driving routes:*

<https://chart.maryland.gov/TrafficCameras/GetTrafficCameras>

*or* <https://chart.maryland.gov/InteractiveMap/GetInteractiveMap>

### Let’s Sing

Monday, February 26

7 p.m. in the Auditorium

No experience necessary. Just come and listen or sing to your heart’s content! Lyric books provided.

### Musical Movie Matinees

February 7, 2024: “SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN”

Running Time: 1h 43m

March 6, 2024: “LES MISERABLES”

Running Time: 2h 38m

Both shows at 3pm, Auditorium

### Moving Around Broadmead

Alma Smith from K-9 to Taylor 321

Elborg Forster A-10 to Taylor 322

Aleda (Liz) Jackson N-1 to Darlington 207

### Music Committee

“Taylor Has Rhythm”

Friday, February 9 at 4:00pm

In the Bistro

Jacqueline Schwab, Pianist

“I Lift Up My Lamp”

Sunday, February 11, 3:00pm

In the Auditorium

### New Arrivals

Cathie Felter

January 16, M-3

443-326-3630

### Quaker Meeting at Broadmead

Sundays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Fireplace Room

All residents are invited



### Resident Email List

Broadmead Resident Email Lists  
(for current residents only)

To join the Broadmead  
resident email list:

Send an email request to:  
brabroadmead@gmail.com.

To join the BRA business email list:

Send an email request to:  
joen1234@comcast.net.

### Socrates Café

Short video on "Free Will  
and Determinism"

Question to probe:  
"Are our choices free, or  
are they predetermined?"

Tuesday, February 20th  
10:30-11:45am  
Auditorium

### Vespers

Vespers are Afternoon Prayer  
with Music

Sunday, February 18 at 4pm  
in the Auditorium

### Health & Wellness Notice

Bring your unwanted athletic shoes  
to the Center of Excellence  
in Health and Wellness.

The collection bin is located near  
the entrance to the locker rooms.

The shoes are recycled or reused.

The Broadmead Residents Association  
is compensated  
for each shoe that is donated.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW:

# Celebrating Chinese New Year at a dim sum restaurant

By Jackie Mintz

With Chinese/Lunar New Year arriving in early February, ushering in the Year of the Dragon, it is fitting to devote this month's review to a Chinese restaurant, in this case one specializing in dim sum: Asian Court.

Although situated almost 30 miles from Broadmead, in Turf Valley Towne Square off Marriottsville Road, Asian Court is worth the trek. It serves some of the finest dim sum in the area. A specialty of Hong Kong, dim sum consists of a wide variety of small appetizer-size plates and is typically served at midday, for brunch.

Dim sum is available every day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On weekdays, the manner of service is less traditional. Based on a limited sampling, the regular menu is also of high quality, but only the dim sum is reviewed here.

Dim sum is usually chopped meat, seafood or vegetables encased in dough or other thin wrappings. They come as buns, dumplings, or rolls. They are steamed, deep-fried, pan-fried or sometimes even baked. The wrappings come in different textures: slippery, tender, chewy, translucent, and glutinous. The best way to try them is just to try them.

Since the Asian Court's large dim sum menu is a bit daunting, here are some suggestions:

**Char siu bao:** Steamed buns filled with Chinese roast pork. A classic and a perennial favorite.

**Fun gor:** steamed translucent dumplings with meat and vegetables (or har gow: the same, but with shrimp).

**Jiao Tsai Bin:** pan-fried dumplings filled with minced meat and chives.

**Har Cheung:** steamed rice noodle sheets wrapped around shrimp or pork.

*see next page*



*An array of dim sum—like shimmering jewels, promising a variety of tastes and textures. Photos by Jackie Mintz.*

**Shin-zhu gren:** steamed bean curd sheet wrapped around meat and vegetables. (If you haven't had bean curd skin, you should try it.)

Shrimp dishes were popular with our tasters, especially the deep-fried shrimp balls.

The restaurant's squid fried in light batter is outstanding. The squid, which is hard to get right, was very tender. Even the scattering of minced sautéed vegetables underneath was tasty.

Although dessert is not a concept in Chinese cuisine, some dim sum are sweet and can serve that role: **Bo Lo Bao**—baked buns with egg yolk cream filling; **Jin Duo**—deep-fried sesame balls of glutinous rice flour; **Don-tot**—baked egg custard tart.

Spacious and airy, Asian Court can accommodate 100 people. On a Saturday noon visit it was full, but we were seated right away. On a recent Friday visit, it was not crowded. Sunday would be very crowded. Like most restaurants, it's fairly noisy.

*\$5.25 a plate for most dim sum plates. Entrées and other dishes run from \$13.95 to \$22.95, the exceptions being some lobster dishes and Peking Duck, at \$40 to \$48.*

*Asian Court, 11105 Resort Rd., Turf Valley Towne Square, Ellicott City, MD, 410-461-8388.*



*At Asian Court, Willy Sydnor (left) samples something....unusual. Above, Jackie Mintz and Lynn Jones pause during dim sum sampling. Photos by Alice Cherbonnier.*

## Pam Felton's "man's" clock features grotesques

*Story and photo by Ann Hunter*

Pam Felton's father, an airline pilot, loved clocks and wanted to do something nice for his daughter. He enlisted the help of his sister, who found a lovely, cherry tall-case clock in New Jersey. When Pam and her husband, Henry, drove from Baltimore



to look at the clock, they both liked it very much, but Henry was drawn to another clock in the shop, a "man's" clock; it was oak, massive, and Gothic. Now they were getting two clocks. But wait—the shopkeeper just happened to have a gorgeous Renaissance Revival oak sideboard that would be perfect with the oak clock. The two oak pieces survived downsizing and now reside in Pam's York Building apartment at Broadmead.

From 1890 to 1910, "grandfather" clocks were again very popular and beginning to be mass-produced. Very large "hall" clocks, however, were expensive and meant to be exclusive. Henry's clock has high-end clockworks and dial, made by J. J. Elliott of London. These were imported, given a handsome case and sold by a jeweler, James H. Hart, Ltd. of Brooklyn, NY, whose name appears on the dial.

The eight-foot-tall beautifully designed clock has a large bonnet housing the mechanism. The brass clock face has phases of the moon and dials to select either Westminster or Whittington chimes, which play every 15 minutes. The chimes are struck on eight nested cup-shaped bells, while the hours are sounded on coiled gongs. Matching barley-twist columns flank the clock face and pendulum doors. Three large brass-encased weights drive the time, strike and chime mechanisms.

*Pam Felton's grandfather clock has a new home in her York building apartment, where ceilings are high enough to accommodate it.*

Now we come to the Gothic aspects of the clock, which, perhaps, are what Henry was most drawn to. At the very top of the arched bonnet is a devilish-looking carved green man, a type of grotesque that emerges from foliage. Grotesques were thought to keep evil spirits away. The front of the clock base contains another green man that is even uglier than the first.



## From the archives, February 1980

### HOBBY AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS LISTED FOR RESIDENTS

**A** preliminary survey by the program Committee revealed that 11 special interest or hobby groups have been organized by Broadmead Residents and some have already developed short- and long-range programs. All groups would welcome hearing from interested. Residents and the current conveners are listed below;

**THE COUNTRY STORE** Conveners: Marie and Denny Phillips, (M-2) has done wonders with its partially completed and stacked quarters. Watch it blossom!

**ANTIQUES INTEREST GROUP** Convener: John Stokes, (N-5) has met and they have begun to formulate exciting program plans not just for themselves but with the Broadmead Community in mind.

**GARDEN/HORTICULTURE** Convener: Karl Levy, (H-7) considerable interest has been shown in these activities and the group “hopes to have a vegetable and flower garden” as one of its early ventures.

**NEEDLEWORK** Convener: Margaret Bouchelle, (B-4) reports an excellent response from beginners to highly skilled persons and has “5 different types of sewing groups functioning”—with more to come,

**FLOWER ARRANGING** Convener: Juanita Hawkins, (A-4) was put to work, with the able assistance of Adelaide Silberstein, arranging the lovely holiday displays. Now, with about 12 members, they are looking for suitable work space—and we hope they get it very soon.

**LIBRARY** Convener: Isabella Jinnette (O (sic)-4) has a highly skilled corps of colleagues and “while things are going along very well, there is much work to do.”

**WRITING/EDITING** Convener: Jim Fleming, (B-1) Under the editorship of Jim Fleming, the Voice of the Residents came into being and the fifth issue is already in preparation.

**WOODWORKING/FURNITURE/MODELS** Convener: George Conner, (M-13) has a handsome well-equipped shop and Conner’s report will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Voice.

**MUSIC GROUP** Convener: Margery Hall, (K-8). Initially, under the temporary and invaluable coordination of Anne Niles, this group arranged for the beautiful musical offerings before and during the holidays. We’ll look to them for assistance in planning varied musical offerings to the Community.

**ART** Convener: William Russell, (N-5) Negotiations for an adequate working area, storage space and essential equipment are under way and, as soon as

these needs are met, the group can go to work on their program plans.

**PHOTOGRAPHY and TRAVEL** interest groups have not yet been formed because conveners have not presented themselves. Come out, come out whoever you are! It will provide additional opportunities for those with these interests to share their zeal and know-how. All it takes is a sheet of paper on the bulletin board on which Residents can sign up. Then, some good Samaritan calls a meeting and you’re launched!

**BIRDS AND NATURE** Convener: Nancy Rowe, (A-3) Thus far, the group has had Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Bird Count walks; residents report that their feeders [are] gradually attracting birds; the Broadmead bird list is growing (see bulletin board) and, in future meetings, plans will be made for spring activities.

—Mildred Beck, Program Committee

### BOOK REVIEWS *continued from pg. 9*

#### *Have You Seen Luis Velez?*

By Catherine Ryan Hyde

Lake Union Publishing/Amazon; 2019, 307 pages

It is not often that one reads a book where compassion is the theme, but Hyde has written such a book. Sixteen-year-old Raymond, son of a Black father currently lives with his white stepfather’s family in a New York City walk-up. He’s a loner.

While he descending the stairs of his fourth floor apartment, a door opens on the second floor and an elderly woman asks Raymond, “Have you seen Luis Velez?”

Raymond learns that Luis, a social worker, has been visiting 90-year-old Millie Guterman weekly for years, bringing her food and necessities. Now she hasn’t seen him for several weeks and needs help. Raymond bonds with her and helps her, while contemplating how to find Luis.

Online, he discovers that Luis had been murdered, leaving a wife, Isabel, and small children. Raymond contacts her, and she too helps Ms. Guterman.

For a peek into the depths of human feelings, *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* is a book to read.

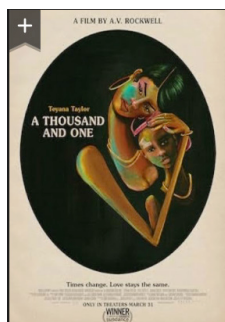
—Sidney M. Levy





# FEBRUARY MOVIES AT BROADMEAD

**Saturdays and Tuesdays • Auditorium • 7:00 p.m.**



**Saturday, Feb. 3:**

## **A Thousand and One**

(Amazon Prime or rental)

Inez, a hairdresser and convicted thief, leaves jail and decides to kidnap her son out of the foster care system. The two struggle with life in New York City. With Teyana Taylor. Written/directed by A. V. Rockwell.

2023 Drama R 1 hr 56 min



**Saturday, Feb. 17:**

## **Nyad**

(Netflix)

In 2013, Diana Nyad, aged 64, was the first person to swim from Cuba to Key West, a distance of more than 100 miles. The movie is an account of her attempts. With Annette Bening and Jodie Foster.

2023 Biopic PG-13 2 hr 1 min



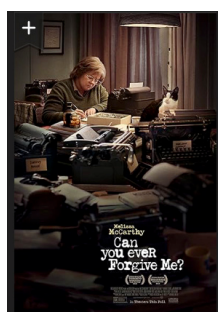
**Saturday, Feb. 10:**

## **Glass Onion**

(Netflix)

A new Benoit Blanc mystery with Daniel Craig. A group of old friends reunite for a weekend on a private island for a murder-themed party.

2022 Crime Comedy PG-13 2 hr 19 min



**Tuesday, Feb. 20:**

## **Can You Ever Forgive Me**

(Amazon rental)

Based on a confessional memoir by Lee Israel. The story follows Israel's (Melissa McCarthy) attempts to revitalize her writing career by forging letters from dead authors. With Richard E. Grant, Jane Curtin, Anna Deavere Smith.

2018 Biopic R 1 hr 46 min



**Tuesday, Feb. 13:**

## **Anatomy of a Fall**

(Amazon rental)

Sandra, her husband Samuel, and their son Daniel live in a remote town in the French Alps. When Samuel is found dead, Sandra becomes the main suspect. A French film partly in English, with subtitles.

2023 Drama R 2 hr 31 min



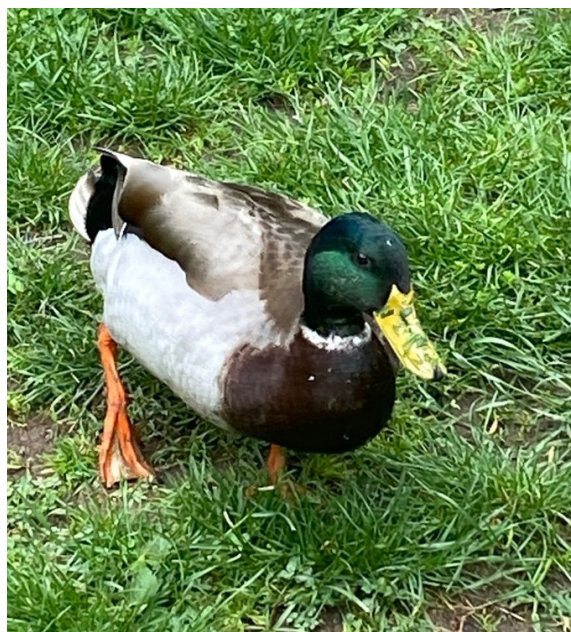
**Saturday, Feb. 24:**

## **Ma Rainey's Black Bottom**

(Netflix)

Inspired by the career of Ma Rainey, an influential blues singer, the film dramatizes a turbulent recording session in Chicago in the 1920s. Directed by George C. Wolf and based on the play by August Wilson. With Viola Davis, Chadwick Boseman, Colman Domingo.

2020 Drama R 1 hr 34 min



### Is it a puddle duck or a diving duck?

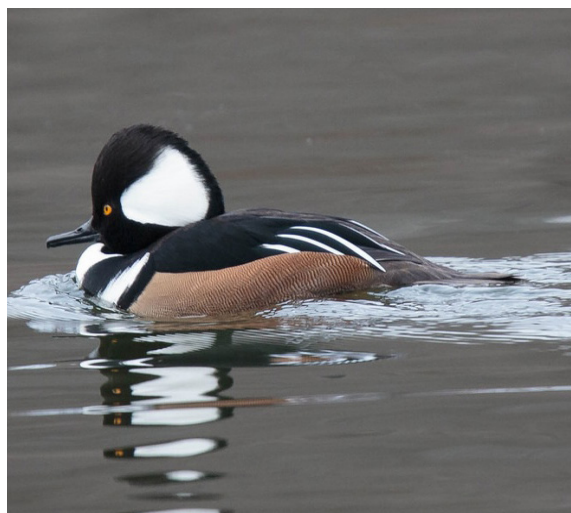
By Debbie Terry

**W**hy is it that our storm water management pond attracts puddle ducks such as Mallards, but rarely diving ducks such as the Hooded Merganser?

The feet of dabbling ducks, or “puddle ducks,” as they are sometimes called, are located in the middle of their body. This allows them to easily walk on land and eat terrestrial vegetation, a lot of which we have around Broadmead’s storm management pond. They also dip their heads down in the water with their butts raised to eat shallow aquatic vegetation, but they do not dive in search of deeper food. Many of us have seen Mallards waddling in the grass bordering our pond.

The feet of diving ducks, on the other hand, are large and are located in the back of their bodies. In addition, their wings are short and pointed. These two physical characteristics allow them to dive deeply and swim faster. Divers also prefer larger bodies of water than our pond, as they need more water surface to enable them to run and flap their wings to lift off. By contrast, the longer wings of puddle ducks allow them to rise off the surface of the water at a moment’s notice.

Keep watching our storm water management pond. Mallards are lovely to see, but who knows when another species may touch down, like the gorgeous Hooded Merganser.



*AT LEFT: Mallard (top) and Hooded Merganser ducks (bottom).  
Photos courtesy of the Maryland Biodiversity Project.*

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